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CIA IN CONTROVERSY

Investigations of the CIA have produced dozens of revelations about controversial activities. They include:

- **Plotting the assassination of two government heads** — Fidel Castro of Cuba and Patrice Lumumba of the Congo.
- **Undertaking covert activity against Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic and Ngo Dinh Diem of South Vietnam** — who were later assassinated, although no direct CIA links to their deaths could be established.
- **Conducting "extensive and continuous" actions in Chile aimed at overthrowing the government of President Salvador Allende.**
- **Wiretapping or physical spying on American newsmen between 1959 and 1971 to learn their sources of classified information.**
- **Collecting information on U.S. dissident groups, compiling files on 7,200 American citizens and developing a computerized index with the names of more than 300,000 persons and organizations.**
- **Conducting an illegal drug testing program from the late 1940s until 1967.**
- **Offering training courses and supplying equipment to state and local police.**
- **Opening more than 200,000 pieces of mail and intercepting and photographing more than 2.7 million envelopes over a 20-year period.**

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